

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 111  
INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CDES CO(HEGGOOD, FRANK) (MIMS, ARTHUR)  
SUBJ: DEATH OF FRANK HEGGOOD AND ARTHUR MIMS

REF: A. BARRANQUILLA 103; B. STATE 91220; AND TELCON  
APRIL 25

1. ACCORDING TO SANTA MARTA DAS OFFICIAL JOSE CASTANEDA, WHO PERSONALLY VIEWED WRECKAGE OF PLAN AND REMAINS OF ITS OCCUPANTS THE PLANE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CARRYING FRANK HEGGOOD, ARTHUR MIMS, AND THOMAS SULLIVAN IS TOTALLY BURNED, AND THE BODIES OF TWO OF THE OCCUPANTS WERE BURNED BEYOND ANY POSSIBLE RECOGNITION AND BURIED IN A COMMON GRAVE. ONCE BURIED, A BODY CANNOT BE EXHUMED FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS, ACCORDING TO COLOMBIAN LAW.

2. THE ONLY SURVIVOR OF THE CRASH IS BELIEVED TO BE THE MAN WHO GAVE THE NAME ROBERT CHARLES SMITH AND IS REPORTED TO BE THOMAS SULLIVAN.

3. CASTANEDA TOLD CONOFF THAT NO DEATH CERTIFICATES CAN BE ISSUED UNTIL THE CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO JUDGE, AND THIS IS UNLIKELY TO HAPPEN UNTIL THE POLICE HAVE FINISHED WHT MAY BE LENGHTY INVESTIGATION OF THE MATTER. WHETHER OR NOT A JUDGE WILL ISSUE A DEATH CERTIFICATE WITH NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY OF DECEASED, OTHER THAN STATEMENTS OF THOMAS  
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SULLIVAN, IS NOT KNOWN AT PRESENT.

4. POST RECEIVED A CABLE FROM MRS. HEGGOOD ON APRIL 24, ASKING FOR EXPEDITIOUS ISSUANCE OF DEATH CERTIFICATE FOR HER HUSBAND. POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT INFORM MRS. HEGGOOD OF INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH 3 REGARDING ISSUANCE OF DEATH CERTIFICATE.

5. POST IS IN DAILY COMMUNICATION WITH POLICE OFFICIALS,  
AND DEPARTMENT WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS MORE INFORMATION  
IS AVAILABLE.  
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